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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method of operating a file server, comprising the steps of: identifying a file for deletion or truncation; making said file unavailable to system users in a first file space; linking said file to a second file space used for longer file operations than those performed in said first file space; freeing blocks of said file while maintaining file consistency between check-pointed intervals; and delinking said file from said second file space and making said file available to system users in said first file space if said file was identified for truncation.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said file is a composite file.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein each element of said composite file is deleted or truncated separately.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein deleting or truncating said file is performed in atomic units.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said second file space is a zombie file space.
- 6. A method of operating a file server, comprising the steps of: identifying a file for truncation; making said file unavailable to system users in a first file space; moving a portion of said file to a second file; linking said second file to a second file space used for longer file operations than those performed in said first file space; making said file available to system users in said first file space; and deleting said second file while maintaining file consistency between check-pointed intervals.

- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein deleting said second file is performed in atomic units.
- 8. The method of claim 6, wherein said second file space is a zombie file space.
- 9. A file server, comprising: a processor; memory; a network interface; and mass storage; wherein said processor operates under program control in said memory to control access to said mass storage, said program control including the steps of: (a) identifying a file for deletion or truncation; (b) making said file unavailable to system users in a first file space; (c) linking said file to a second file space used for longer file operations than those performed in said first file space; (d) freeing blocks of said file while maintaining file consistency between check-pointed intervals; and (e) delinking said file from said second file space and making said file available to system users in said first file space if said file was identified for truncation.
- 10. The file server of claim 9, wherein said file is a composite file.
- 11. The file server of claim 9, wherein each element of said composite file is deleted or truncated separately.
- 12. The file server of claim 9, wherein deleting or truncating said file is performed in atomic units.
- 13. The file server of claim 9, wherein said second file space is a zombie file space.
- 14. A file server, comprising: a processor; memory; a network interface; and mass storage; wherein said processor operates under program control in said memory to control access to said mass storage, said program control including the steps of: (a) identifying a file in said mass storage for truncation; (b) making said file unavailable to system users in a first file space; (c) moving a portion of said file to a second file; (d) linking said second file to a second file space used for longer file operations than those performed in said first file space; (e) making said file available to system users in said first file space; and (f) deleting said second file while maintaining file consistency between check-pointed intervals.
- 15. The file server of claim 14, wherein deleting said second file is performed in atomic units.
- 16. The file server of claim 14, wherein said second file space is a zombie file space.
- 17. A memory storing a program, said program comprising the steps of: identifying a file for deletion or truncation; making said file unavailable to system users in a first file space; linking said file to a second file space used for longer file operations than those performed in said first file space; freeing blocks of said file while maintaining file consistency between checkpointed intervals; and delinking said file from said second file space and making said file available to system users in said first file space if said file was identified for truncation.
- 18. The memory of claim 17, wherein said file is a composite file.

- 19. The memory of claim 17, wherein each element of said composite file is deleted or truncated separately.
- 20. The memory of claim 17, wherein deleting or truncating said file is performed in atomic units.
- 21. The memory of claim 17, wherein said second file space is a zombie file space.
- 22. A memory storing a program, said program comprising the steps of: identifying a file for truncation; making said file unavailable to system users in a first file space; moving a portion of said file to a second file used for longer file operations than those performed in said first file space; linking said second file to a second file space; making said file available to system users in said first file space; and deleting said second file while maintaining file consistency between check-pointed intervals.
- 23. The memory of claim 22, wherein deleting said second file is performed in atomic units.
- 24. The memory of claim 22, wherein said second file space is a zombie file space.
- 25. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of delinking said file from said second file space and making said file available to system users in said first file space if said file was identified for deletion.
- 26. The file server of claim 9, wherein said program control further includes the steps of (f) delinking said file from said second file space and making said file available to system users in said first file space if said file was identified for deletion.
- 27. The memory of claim 17, wherein said program further comprises the steps of delinking said file from said second file space and making said file available to system users in said first file space if said file was identified for deletion.

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How can you find a zombie file on the system. I have been in the database side of the system to search for Orphan files removed the orphan files, but still got the zombie file. When you run a top command it says there is a zombie process that is running i would like to find it. How can i do that?

Thanks

PxT

12-20-2001, 01:07 PM

A zombie process is created when a parent process dies without cleaning up its children properly. AFAIK there is nothing you can do to clean them up after the fact except reboot. They generally dont cause any harm though. If you are seeing many zombies you should investigate which program is causing them and fix the problem.

JackieRyan26

12-20-2001, 01:31 PM

Thank you that is what i thought but was not too sure and i am not going to kill it since it is my complete database that caused this zombie process.

Thanks

WayneYang

12-20-2001, 10:47 PM

About zombie processes, I have several opinion.

- 1) The cause lead to generation of zombie is, when the child processes stop (as you know, a signal of SIGCHLD will be sent to the father process), normally the father should do something with the signal SIGCHLD with the system call wait() or waitpid(). But if the father process encounters a logical error in his internal procedure. certainly the signal SIGCHLD is blocked. so the father can not release the resource occupied by his child processes. you can run 'ps -ef|grep defunct' to search all the zombies.
- 2) To solve this problem, you can kill the father process of all the dufunct processes, the initial process 'init' will release all the zombies automatically.

Another thing, I am from China. So my english language may be not good enough to interpret all your doubtness! Thank you!

Perderabo

12-21-2001, 09:43 AM

I basicly agree with WayneYang. Every time you see a zombie on ps, look at the ppid field to find the parent program that is ignoring the death of its children. That program really has a bug and it should be fixed. And if you kill that parent, init will inherit the zombies and reap them.

But there is nothing wrong with ignoring SIGCHLD. Lots of well behaved programs simply issue the wait() call at the proper time.

harismn

01-15-2002, 02:20 AM

try this:

```
while ((ret = waitpid((pid_t)-1, &status, WNOHANG)) != 0) {
printf("ret : %d", ret);
}
```

put this in your main loop and it will remove all defunct processes.

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